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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD OF DETERMINING THE

CONCAVITY AND CONVEXITY ON SAMPLE SURFACE, AND CHARGED

PARTICLE BEAM APPARATUS

Examiner: Phillip A. Johnston

AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.